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SUBJECT: OPRED - COAST GUARD REQUEST TO ESTABLISH
MARINE INSPECTION OFFICE AT ROTTERDAM

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1. (UNCLASSIFIED) EMBASSY ASKED MFA'S DIRECTOR OF
WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFS FOR INFORMAL DUTCH REACTION TO
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AT ROTTERDAM OF COAST GUARD MARINE
INSPECTION OFFICE (MIO) AS STAFF COMPONENT OF EMBASSY
THE HAGUE.

2. DIRECTOR HAS NOW ADVISED THAT US REQUEST WOULD HAVE
TO BE SUBJECT OF NOTE TO MFA. HOWEVER HE COULD INFORM
US IN ADVANCE THAT PROPOSAL TO HAVE AN OFFICE OF THE
EMBASSY ESTABLISHED ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE HAGUE WOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE APPROVED.

3. DIRECTOR EXPLAINED THAT GON IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO
ELEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BEING LOCATED OUTSIDE
THE HAGUE. (END UNCLASSIFIED BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) HE
CITED EXCEPTIONAL CASE OF SOVIET EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL
SECTION IN AMSTERDAM WHICH DUTCH ARE VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT
AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE REMOVED TO THE HAGUE. (END
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4. (UNCLASSIFIED) DIRECTOR SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVES THAT MIO COULD BE ORGANIZALLY AND PHYSICALLY ESTABLISHED AT THE EMBASSY, WITH ITS PERSONNEL TRAVELING ABOUT AS REQUIRED, OR AT OUR CONSULATE GENERAL AT ROTTERDAM.

5. SINCE ROTTERDAM CLEARLY PREFERABLE LOCATION FOR MIO, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MFA BY NOTE OF EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES AND COMPLEMENT OF EXISTING COAST GUARD UNIT WHICH IS LOCATED ON PREMISES OF CONSULATE GENERAL ROTTERDAM. (PRESENT COAST GUARD COMPLEMENT IS ACCORDED FULL DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTION FROM TAXES.)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. ROTTERDAM CONGEN (BUT NOT EMBASSY) CAN PROVIDE THE REQUIRED FLOOR SPACE. EMBASSY ADMIN CAN HANDLE SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED COAST GUARD UNIT IN KEEPING WITH SAS-1 DATED JULY 1, 1974, AND PROVIDED NO MORE THAN ONE OFFICIAL VEHICLE IS ADDED AND COAST GUARD DOES NOT FOLLOW DAO'S LEAD WITH GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR LEASED HOUSING. WHEN WE LEARN FIRM NEEDS, RENOVATION ESTIMATES WILL BE OBTAINED FOLLOWED BY A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SAS FUNDS SINCE WE HAVE NOT PLANNED FOR RENOVATION EXPENSES. WE CANNOT MEET THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE AND THE PRESENT ROTTERDAM COAST GUARD CO STATES EARLY AUGUST MAY BE A MORE REALISTIC DATE. OUR TIMING IS DEPENDENT ON FUNDS AND WORK CONTRACT LEAD TIME. ASSUME COAST GUARD WILL PROVIDE OWN OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.
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